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Report of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery on its nineteenth session

Corrigendum

Paragraph 26 should read as follows:

At the 9th meeting, the observer for the Netherlands referred to the decision of the Commission on Human Rights to establish a working group for elaborating guidelines for a possible draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. He questioned the effectiveness of establishing new mechanisms in the field of the protection of the rights of the child and pointed out that the objective of ensuring the implementation of the rights of the child might be better achieved by strengthening existing instruments. The observer also complimented the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography for the quality of his report (see paras. 47 to 56). In view of the dimensions of the horrendous practice of sale of children he requested the Special Rapporteur to deal with a number of aspects in more depth. This applied in particular to the phenomenon of trade in organs which affected children most. The observer

added that his Government was assisting the Special Rapporteur on the follow-up to his mission to the Netherlands in 1991. Finally, the observer for the Netherlands made a statement on his Government's policy with regard to child labour. An immediate ban on child labour was considered to be unrealistic, though excesses in the use of child labour should be combated. Activities in the field of child labour should be closely coordinated with those of other relevant organizations such as UNICEF and ILO.

Following paragraph 76, a new paragraph should be added. The new paragraph should read as follows:

At the same meeting, the observer for the Netherlands drew the attention of the participants to a recent government policy memorandum on children in developing countries entitled "First Steps". He said he would distribute the English version of the memorandum among the members of the Working Group and interested NGOs as soon as it was available.

At page 27, in the third and fourth preambular paragraphs of section 5, entitled "Child soldiers", it should read:

General Assembly resolution 48/157.